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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6536**

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"AN ACT CONCERNING LOW INCOME ENERGY PROGRAMS."

- 1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and renumber remaining sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly
- 3 In line 15, strike "contested case"
- 4 Strike section 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 5 "Sec. 3. Section 16a-41b of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 7 (a) There shall be a Low-Income Energy Advisory Board which shall
- 8 consist of the following members: The Secretary of the Office of Policy
- 9 and Management or the secretary's designee; the Commissioner of
- 10 Social Services or the commissioner's designee; the executive director
- 11 of the Commission on Aging; a representative of each electric and gas
- 12 public service company designated by each such company; the

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13 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control or a 14 commissioner of the Department of Public Utility Control designated 15 by the chairperson; the Consumer Counsel or the counsel's designee; 16 the executive director of Operation Fuel; the executive director of 17 Infoline; the director of the Connecticut Local Administrators of Social 18 Services; the executive director of Legal Assistance Resource Center of 19 Connecticut; the Connecticut president of AARP; a designee of the 20 Norwich Public Utility; a designee of the Connecticut Petroleum 21 Dealers Association; and a representative of the community action 22 agencies administering energy assistance programs under contract 23 with the Department of Social Services, designated by the Connecticut 24 Association for Community Action.

25 (b) The Low-Income Energy Advisory Board shall (1) advise and 26 assist the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of 27 Social Services in the planning, development, implementation and 28 coordination of energy-assistance-related programs and policies. [and] 29 (2) advise and assist in the planning, development, implementation 30 and coordination of all low-income weatherization assistance programs and policies, [shall] so that low income weatherization 31 32 programs, including those implemented pursuant to sections 7-233y, 33 16-32f, 16-245m and 16a-22l and those administered by the Department 34 of Social Services, meet a combined goal to weatherize at least thirty 35 per cent of low income eligible households and reduce energy 36 consumption in each of such households by at least twenty per cent 37 not later than five years after the effective date of this section, (3) 38 advise the Department of Public Utility Control regarding the impact 39 of utility rates and policies, and [shall] (4) make recommendations to 40 the General Assembly regarding legislation and plans subject to 41 legislative approval to ensure affordable access to residential energy 42 services to low-income state residents.

(c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the person designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be the chairperson of the board.

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46 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall

- 47 convene the first meeting of the board not later than August 1, 2005.
- 48 The secretary shall provide notice of meetings to the members of Low-
- 49 Income Energy Advisory Board, provide space for such meetings,
- 50 maintain minutes and publish reports of the board."